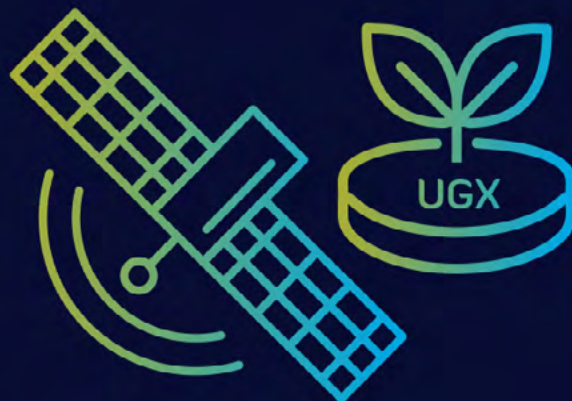




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Market Performance Report Q2 2026 (Apr - Jun 2026)



Industry Snapshot June 2026



64.6
Million

Mobile
Registered
Subscriptions



Mobile Money Registered
Subscriptions

59.5M
58.7 MILLION

*Statistics from BOU



Posta Uganda
Courier Traffic (EMS)

4,233
3,511



Mobile Subscriptions
(Active 90 Day)

49.0M
47.5 MILLION



Mobile Money Active
Subscriptions (90 Day)

37.8M
36.7 MILLION

*Statistics from BOU



Domestic Courier
Traffic

859,504
828,061



Mobile Internet Subscriptions
(Active 30 Day)*

19.7 M
17.9 MILLION

* Subscribers that use more than 30MB per month



Mobile Money
Transaction Counts

2.55B
2.37 BILLION

*Statistics from BOU



International Courier
Traffic

26,743
25,512



On-Net Traffic (Minutes)

20.4B
20.9 BILLION



Smartphones

20.5M
20.3 MILLION



Regional Courier
Traffic

8,617
9,871



Off-Net Traffic (Minutes)

1.8B
1.8 BILLION



Towers

5,663
5,578



Intercity Courier
Traffic

102,260
102,626



Internet Traffic (GBs)

267.4M
256.8 MILLION



Fiber (Kilometers)

80,257
71,740



Total Courier
Traffic

1,001,357
896,539



ONA Incoming Traffic
(Minutes)

231.4M
196.9 MILLION



Gross Telecom
Revenue (UGX)

1.73 TRILLION
1.60 TRILLION



ONA Outgoing Traffic
(Minutes)

24.4M
36.7 MILLION



International Incoming
Traffic (Minutes)

8.8M
13.2 MILLION



Gross Postal & Courier
Revenue (UGX)

16.2 BILLION
12.7 BILLION



International Outgoing
Traffic (Minutes)

6.3M
10.7 MILLION



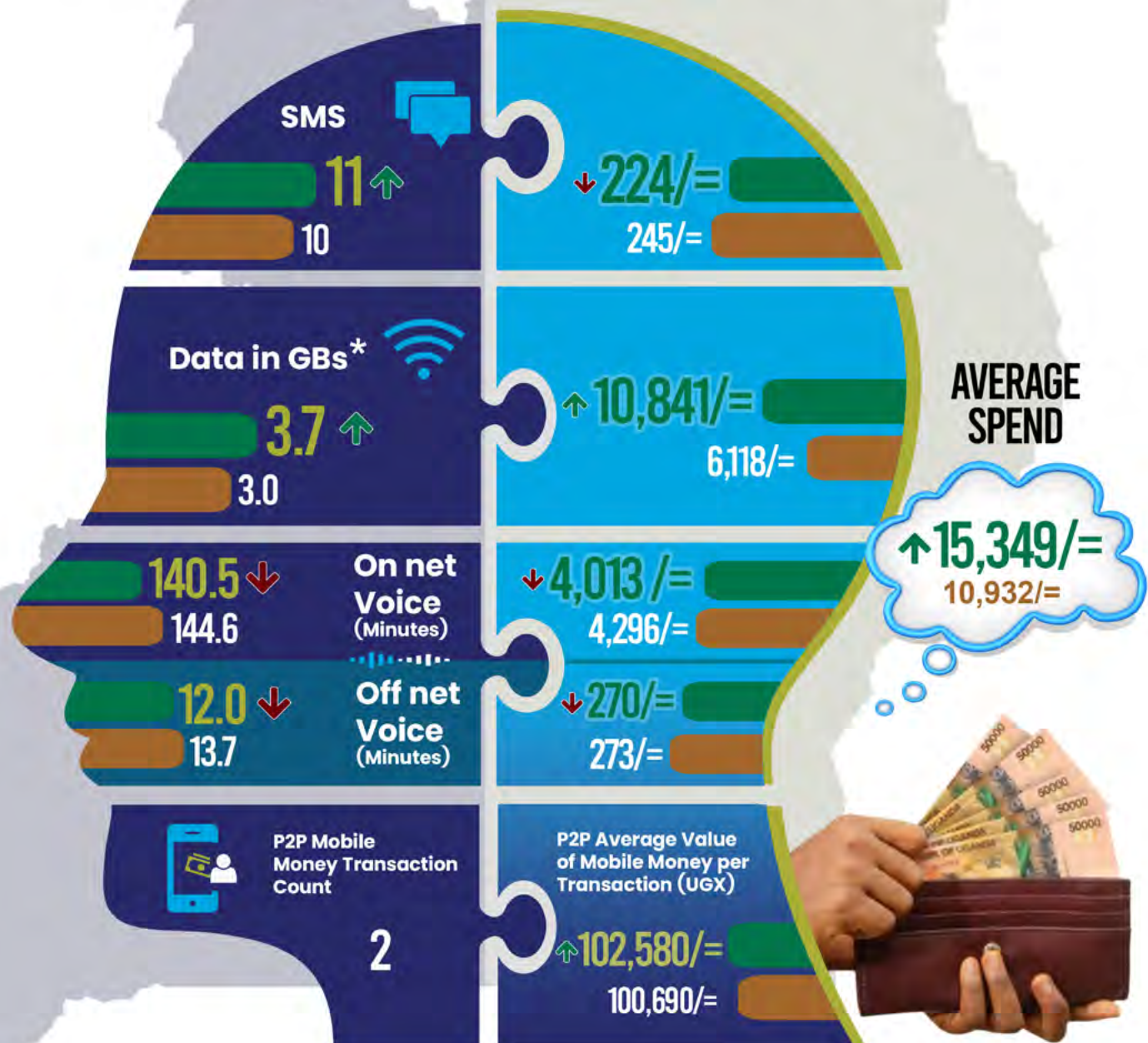
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June 2026 Average User Profile

Average Monthly Service Usage (Volumes)

Monthly Service Usage Spend (UGX)



● Q2 2026

● Q1 2026



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Introduction

This report reviews industry performance, trends, and key developments during the second quarter of 2026 (April–June 2026). The report covers:

1. Domestic Highlights
2. Service Access and Subscriptions
3. Traffic and Usage
4. Financial Performance
5. Post and Courier Sector
6. Broadcast and Multimedia
7. Film and Cinema

Domestic Highlights



Key Headlines (Apr - Jun 2026)

8th June 2026

UCC Welcomes the New ICT Sector Leadership

UCC warmly welcomed the appointment of Rt. Hon. Justine Kasule Lumumba, Hon. Joyce Nabbosa Ssebugwawo, and Hon. Alioni Yorke Odria to the Information and Communications Technology sector. Expressing strong optimism and readiness for collaboration, UCC committed to working closely with the incoming leaders to drive and advance Uganda's digital transformation agenda in line with national development goals.



Rt. Hon. Justine Kasule Lumumba

Minister of Information,
Communications Technology and
National Guidance.



Hon. Joyce Ssebugwawo

State Minister for Information and
Communications Technology



Hon. Alioni Yorke Odria

State Minister for National
Guidance.



Dr. Aminah Zawedde

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of
ICT and National Guidance

Key Headlines Ctd..(Apr - Jun 2026)

15th May 2026

UCC licenses Starlink to expand high-speed internet and digital inclusion in Uganda

UCC signed a Memorandum of Understanding and an operational licence agreement with Starlink, clearing the way for the satellite internet provider to commence operations in Uganda. President Yoweri Museveni, the Ministry of ICT & National Guidance, and UCC welcomed the milestone, stressing that Starlink's entry will improve connectivity access for hard-to-reach and underserved communities. Under the agreement, Starlink has committed to full compliance with Uganda's legal and regulatory frameworks, ensuring security, revenue assurance and consumer protection within the telecommunications sector.



Key Headlines Ctd..(Apr - Jun 2026)

28th May 2026

UCC awards UGX 182.2 M in grants to nine innovative research projects

UCC announced the nine winning research proposals selected for funding under the UCC Research Support and Collaboration Framework 2022–2025. Out of 212 competitive applications received, the selected projects stood out for offering innovative, real-world solutions aligned with Uganda's national development priorities. The funded initiatives spanned multiple sectors, including AI-powered cybersecurity, smart energy systems, healthcare translation technologies, deaf sign language innovation, mobile privacy enhancement, and green waste recycling, and received a combined total of UGX 182,204,228 in grant funding to transform academic research into practical, community-impacting industrial solutions.



**Kawuma Latif
(Soroti University)**

Credit-based
electricity access
scheme



**Okiria Jobbers
(Kampala Int Univ)**

AI real-time anomaly
detection for large
data streams



**Mutaawe Enov
(Makerere Univ)**

Automated waste
recycling and sorting
with AI and IoT



**Mayanja Kizito
(Soroti Univ)**

AI medical
translation tool
(Luganda–English)



**Ignatius Balayo
(Busitema Univ)**

Privacy preservation
in mobile networks
(federated learning)



**Noah Ahereza
(Kyambogo Univ)**

TV sign language
interpretation
effectiveness study



**Mabirizi Vincent
(Mbarara Univ of
Science & Tech)**

DICOM CNN model for
medical files



**Athanasias
Rugasira
(Kampala Int Univ)**

SVM for households &
agriculture



**Dr Hamidah
Babirye Nsereko
(Makerere Univ
Business School)**

Social Media

2nd April 2026



UCC issues statement on Digital Safety laws after court ruling

UCC Executive Director Hon. Nyombi Thembo clarified that, despite a Constitutional Court ruling annulling some provisions, key offences under the digital safety laws, including cyber harassment, cyberstalking and fraud, remain enforceable. The Commission urged responsible online conduct and encouraged the public to report misuse to UCC or the Uganda Police.

7th April 2026



Strategic engagement with Uganda Media Centre

UCC held a key meeting with the newly appointed Executive Director of the Uganda Media Centre, Alan Kasujja, to enhance collaboration between the two entities. Discussions centred on fostering a coherent national narrative, advancing digital transformation through emerging technologies, and upholding professionalism in journalism and public broadcasting.

9th April 2026



Leadership seminar on Satellite Communications

UCC convened a two-day leadership seminar in Bugolobi with board members, management and experts, including former Executive Director Patrick Masambu, to strengthen regulatory preparedness for LEO satellite systems. Both Board Chairperson Dr. Charity Mulenga and UCC E.D Hon. Nyombi Thembo emphasized that regulators must continuously learn and adapt to keep pace with rapid technological advancements.

9th April 2026



UCC hosts Suppliers Conference on Procurement

At the Suppliers Conference 2026, Hon. Nyombi Thembo announced that procurement, which accounts for over 70% of UCC's budget, is now under direct Executive Director oversight, with plans to fully digitise procurement processes by the end of 2026. The conference promoted open dialogue, social inclusion, and the use of procurement as a tool for socio-economic transformation.

23rd April 2026



UCC supports Chief of Defence Forces birthday charity run to aid vulnerable communities

UCC contributed to the 52nd Birthday Charity Run of Chief of Defence Forces Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba at Kololo Independence Grounds. UCC E.D Nyombi Thembo congratulated Gen. Muhoozi, emphasizing the commission's dedication to supporting marginalized groups, particularly vulnerable children in special homes.

27th April 2026



UCC sponsors Kyambogo Ultra Challenge Run to support special needs and conservation

As a sponsor, UCC supported the initiative to promote social inclusion for students with special needs and drive environmental conservation through community tree-planting efforts. It featured 50km, 25km, and 10km race categories, served as a training ground for runners of all categories.

27th April 2026



UCC hosts ITU Broadband Mapping workshop

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) concluded a five-day GIS and data training workshop in Kampala under the Africa Broadband Maps initiative. Hosted in collaboration with UCC, the training aims to strengthen data-driven planning and build capacity to expand network connectivity and close digital access gaps in Uganda and across the region.

30th April 2026



Joint action against illegal online gambling

The National Lotteries and Gaming Regulatory Board, led by CEO Denis Mudene Ngabirano, paid a courtesy call on UCC to discuss mutual regulatory interests, including illegal online gambling and responsible advertising standards. Representing UCC, Dr. Abudu Sallam Waiswa emphasized the critical role of inter-agency cooperation in protecting consumers from misleading ads and harmful gambling practices.

6th May 2026



UCC and UNCDF collaborate to advance inclusive digital finance

UCC hosted policy experts from the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) for a strategic engagement focused on driving inclusive digital financial ecosystems in Uganda. Led by UNCDF's Ahmed Dermish and UCC's Joseph Kizito, the discussions centered on regulatory frameworks for Women's Digital Financial Inclusion (WDFI), leveraging ESG-aligned approaches to build investor confidence.

12th May 2026



UCC congratulates President Yoweri K. Museveni on election victory and inauguration

The Board, Management, and Staff of UCC have extended their heartfelt congratulations to His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the NRM party following the successful conclusion of the 2026 General Elections and his subsequent inauguration. UCC pledged its continued commitment to driving Uganda's digital transformation.

18th May 2026



UCC receives UGX 42.9 billion from Airtel Uganda to expand rural digital connectivity

Airtel Uganda remitted 2% of its Gross Annual Revenues, totaling UGX 42.9 billion, to the Uganda Communications Universal Service and Access Fund (UCUSAF). This statutory contribution, will support ongoing national efforts to strengthen digital inclusion, expand internet access, and bridge connectivity gaps.

18th May 2026



UCC hosts EACO to shape regional policy

UCC hosted the East African Communications Organisation (EACO) Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee (FARMC). Officially opened by UCC Director of Corporate Affairs Fred Otunnu, the five-day regional gathering brings together delegates from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda to provide critical regional recommendations.

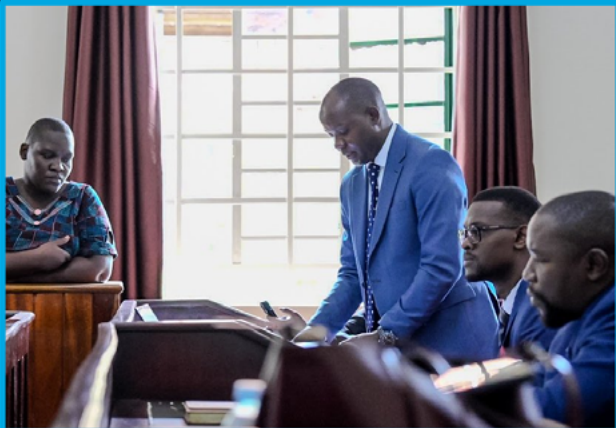
26th May 2026



UCC supports launch of HIViCare Digital Access

UCC participated in the official launch of the HIViCare Digital Access Initiative at Fairway Hotel, Kampala. Representing UCUSAF, Eng. Arnold Bareba Mujuni highlighted the project as a success of the E-Booster flagship program, which funds homegrown ICT innovations for underserved communities. Developed by Dandelion Logistics Co. Ltd, HIViCare is a free app designed to provide discreet HIV self-testing.

1st Jun 2026



Enforcement of SIM card Registration Regulations and judicial sanctions

The Makindye-based Standard Utilities and Wildlife Court commenced sentencing SIM card agents for irregular registrations. In one case, a convict was sentenced to four years in prison or a fine of UGX 1,800,000 for illegally reselling registered cards, whilst in another, an agent received a caution for secretly duplicating a customer's credentials.

10th Jun 2026



UCC witnessed ministerial handover at the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance

UCC E.D Hon Nyombi Thembo welcomed Rt. Hon. Justine Kasule Lumumba and Hon. Alioni Yorke Odria, alongside continuing Minister Hon. Joyce Nabbosa Ssebugwawo. Presided over by P.S Dr. Aminah Zawedde, the event also honoured outgoing Ministers Hon. Dr. Chris Baryomunsi and Hon. Godfrey Kabbyanga for their dedicated service.

11th Jun 2026



Telecom operators stakeholder engagement

UCC hosted a stakeholder engagement with executives from Uganda's telecom operators to address critical industry matters, including infrastructure development and service quality improvements. Victoria Sekandi, representing UCC's Director for Legal Affairs, emphasized that strict compliance with licensing obligations and regulatory standards remains vital for fostering fair competition, and building consumer trust.

11th Jun 2026



UCC Unveils the Atakulaaba Heritage Music Initiative

The campaign is designed to preserve, digitise, and promote Uganda's historic Kadongo Kamu music whilst establishing sustainable economic opportunities for the genre's pioneering artists. The official unveiling ceremony featured celebrated performances by legendary Kadongo Kamu musicians who performed timeless classics to highlight the nation's rich musical heritage.

12th Jun 2026



UCC engages Television operators on Regulatory Compliance

Delivering remarks on behalf of the Executive Director, the Director of Legal Affairs, Susan M. Atengo Wegoye, reminded operators of their responsibility to serve the public interest, protect children, and obey the law. She announced that UCC has initiated a study to review licence fees, with open consultations on proposed structural changes.

15th - 16th June 2026



Preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2027

UCC brought together government officials, industry leaders, academics, and operators, the consultative meeting focused on establishing national priorities for the global rules governing radio frequencies and satellite positions. This is crucial to securing the necessary frequency resources to support technological innovation and implementation.

17th Jun 2026



HerDigitalFuture Phase II in Rukiga and Ntungamo

UCC partnered with Capital Penda and Zimba Women to roll out Phase Two of the HerDigitalFuture initiative in Rukiga and Ntungamo districts, aimed at equipping local women with critical digital skills. The practical training program covers essential digital tools, ranging from email management to global business networks, to foster economic inclusion and drive digital economy growth.

18th Jun 2026



UCC expresses solidarity with Vitiligo Association Uganda

UCC, led by E.D Hon. Nyombi Thembo, held a meeting with representatives from the Vitiligo Association Uganda, including Chief Mobilizer Mukatushabira Peninah and Nsimenta Noela, ahead of their public awareness campaign in Kampala on 27th June. Highlighting that vitiligo is a completely non-contagious autoimmune condition affecting nearly 100 million people globally, and pledged UCC's support.

23rd Jun 2026



UCC hosts validation workshop on National ICT Usage Study in Ugandan schools

It was aimed at reviewing key findings from a comprehensive national study examining ICT access, connectivity, and teacher digital competence in Ugandan schools. Conducted across 421 schools and involving 4,278 respondents, including teachers, learners, and parents, and focused on validating the research for practical development.

23rd Jun 2026



MTN Uganda remits UGX 54.27 billion to UCC to support digital transformation

UCC E.D Hon Nyombi Thembo commended MTN Uganda for consistently fulfilling its regulatory obligations, describing the 2% levy remittance on annual gross revenue as a vital shared investment in national development, and reinforces the strong partnership between the regulator and licensed operators to achieve a fully connected Uganda by 2030.

25th Jun 2026



Validation workshop for the Demand-Side Assessment on ICT access and usage

The study evaluates how individuals, households, businesses, and institutions utilize telecommunications, internet, broadcasting, postal, and digital financial services. Representing the Director of ICT and Research, Eng. Rebecca Mayanja emphasized that demand-side data is critical for capturing authentic experiences.

Service Access and Subscriptions



Q2 2026 Subscriptions



49.0 Million

Active Mobile Subscriptions

484 Thousand

Fixed Line Subscriptions

Devices and Terminals



13.6 Million
Basic Phones



24.8 Million
Feature Phones



20.5 Million
Smart Phones

Active Subscriptions



37.8 Million
Mobile Money

19.7 Million
Mobile Internet



286 Thousand
Fixed Internet

Social Media Subscriptions

As of June 2026



Traffic and Usage



Q2 2026 Traffic



**2.55
Billion**

Mobile Money
Transactions



**267.4
Million**

GigaBytes (GBs)
Downloaded



**19.6
Billion**

USSD
Sessions



**20.4
Billion**

Domestic On
Net Minutes



**1.8
Billion**

Domestic Off
Net Minutes



**231.4
Million**

One Net Area
(ONA) In Minutes



**24.4
Million**

One Net Area
(ONA) Out



**8.8
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International
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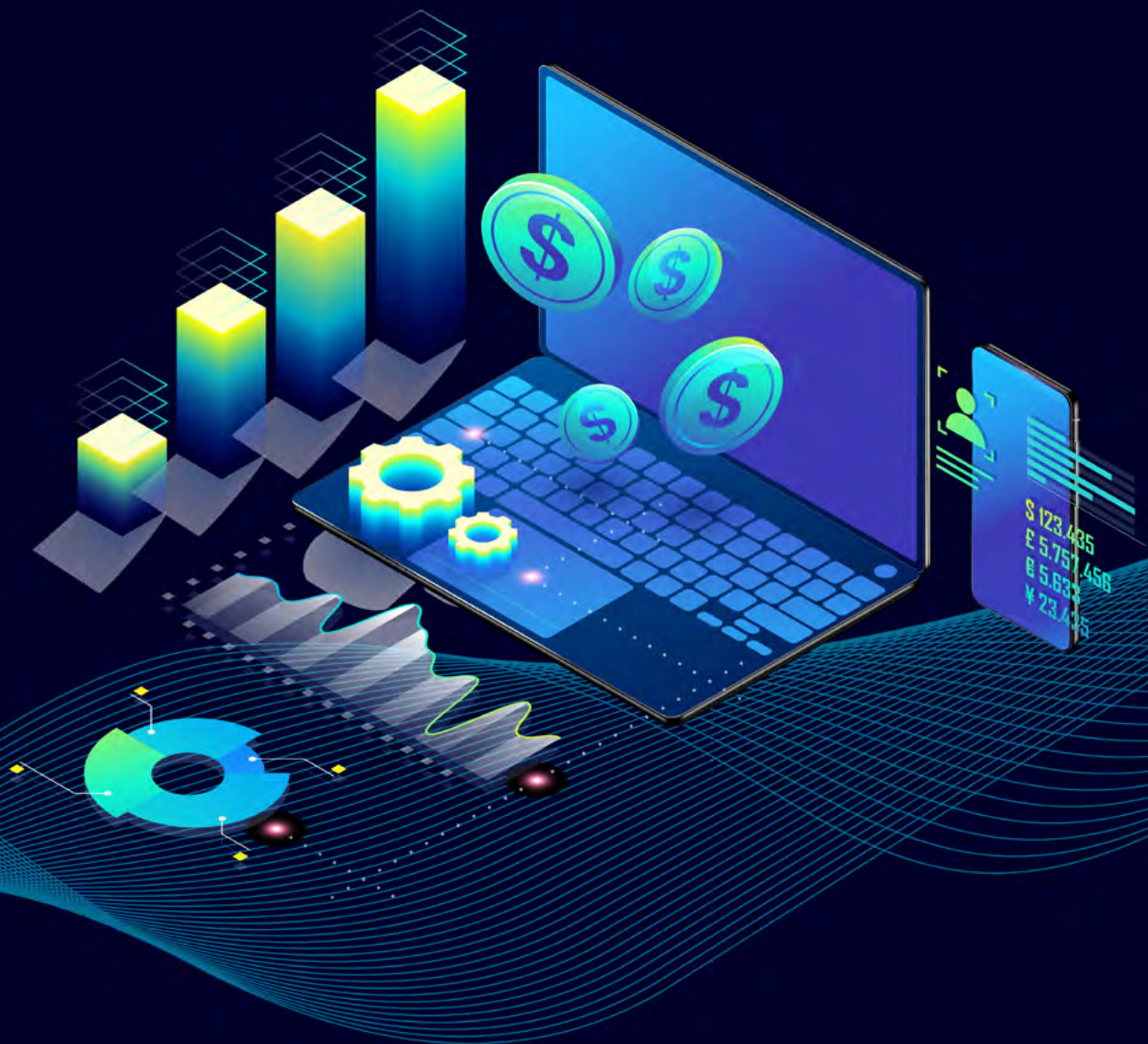


**6.3
Million**

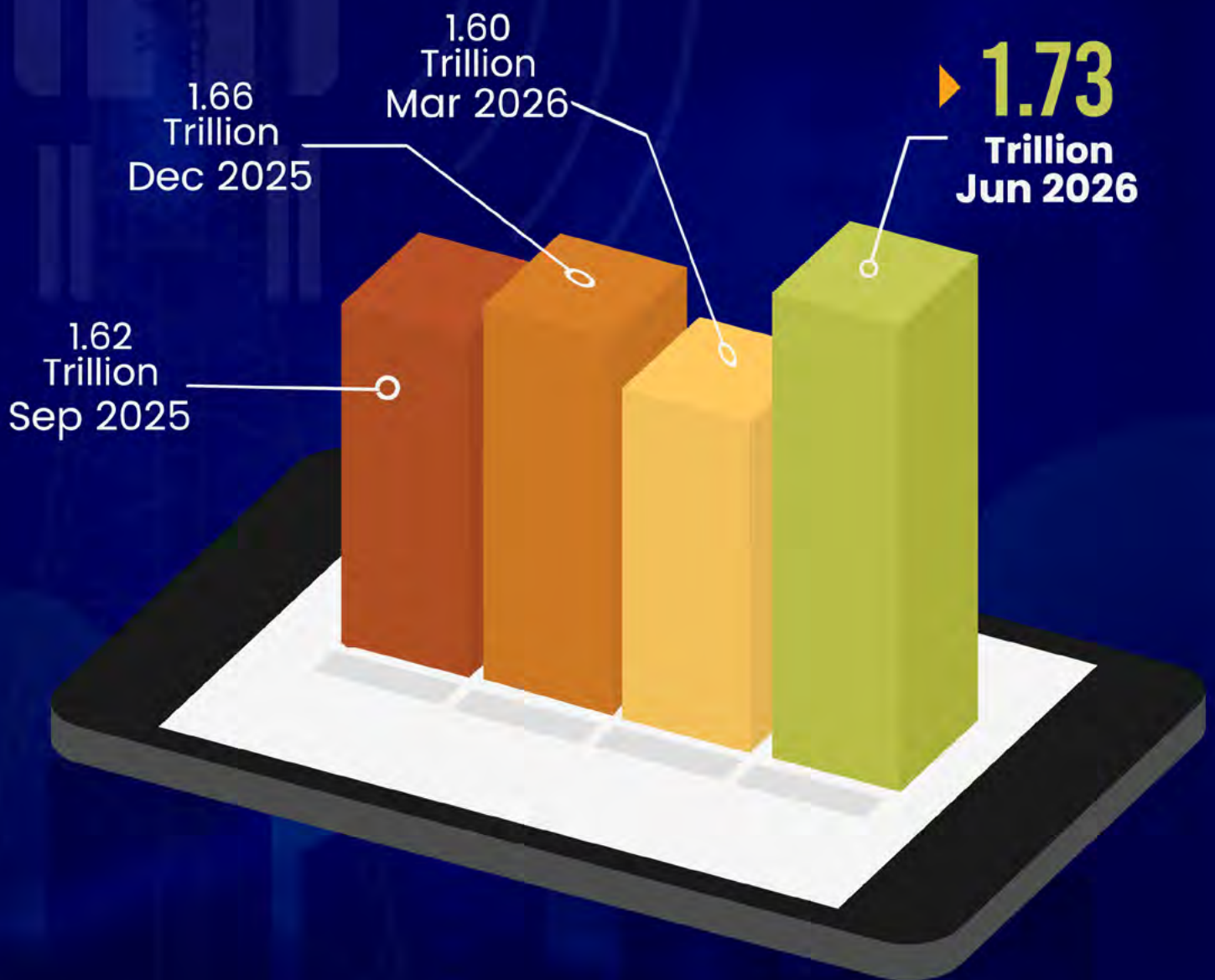
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Voice Out Minutes



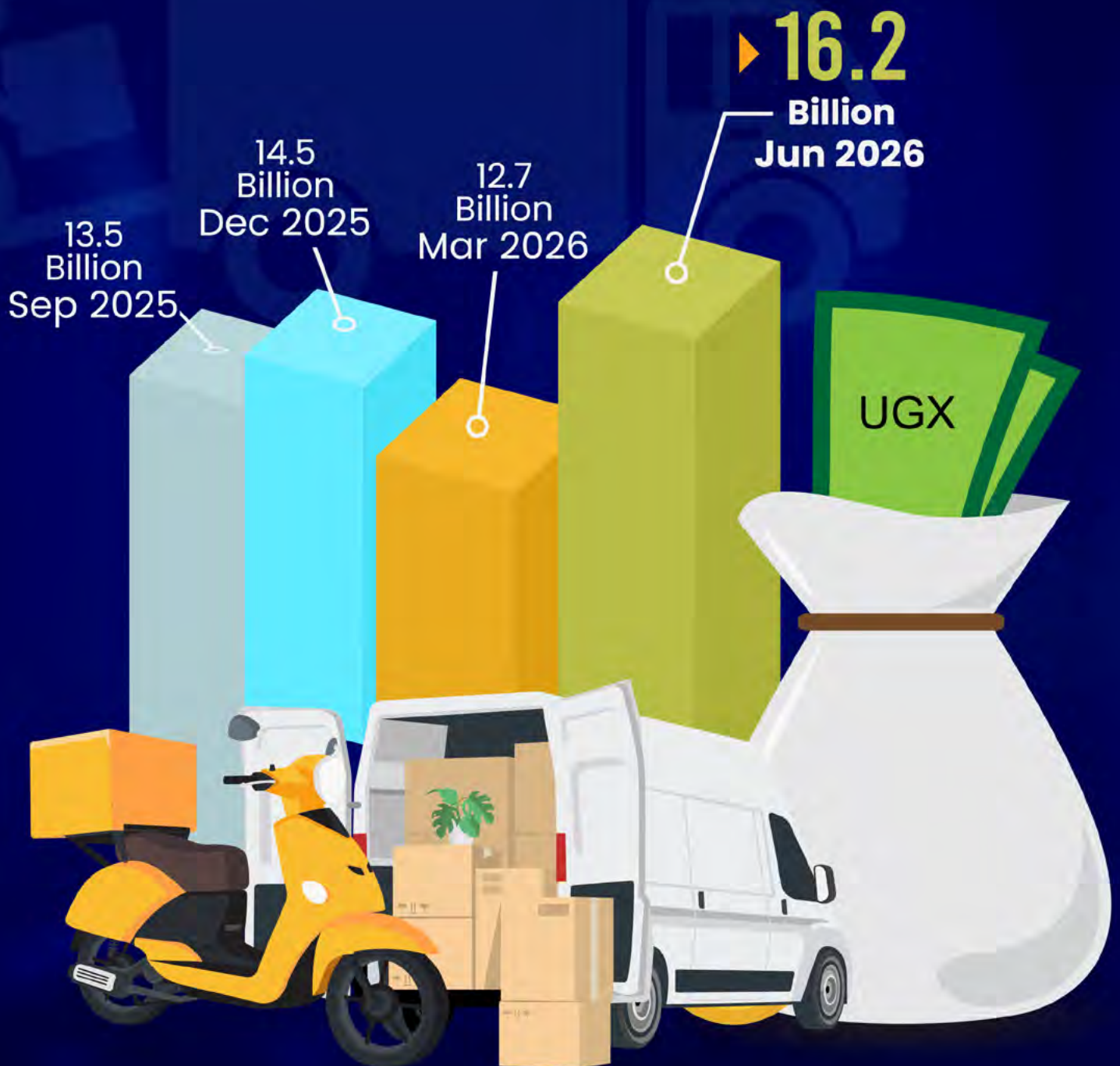
Financial Performance



Q2 2026 Telecom Revenue



Q2 2026 Postal & Courier Revenue



Postal and Courier Sector Highlights



Q2 2026 Postal and Courier Headlines

21st April 2026

Posta Uganda launches POSTCOM e-commerce platform to connect local businesses to global markets



Posta Uganda officially launched POSTCOM, Uganda's National E-Commerce Platform, marking a major step forward in advancing digital trade and national connectivity. Highlighting the launch, Postmaster Managing Director James Arinaitwe emphasized that while postal services have transitioned from traditional physical mail, their relevance remains vital to modern communication and logistics. By leveraging its nationwide infrastructure, Posta Uganda aims to use the POSTCOM platform as a structured, reliable system to seamlessly link Ugandan businesses with both local and global marketplaces.

27th April 2026

UCC releases updated consumer guide on Pay TV, Postal, and Courier pricing



UCC published the updated "Know Your Rates" consumer guide on Pay TV, post and courier pricing to promote transparency, fair competition and consumer protection in the communications sector. A key highlight from the message by UCC ED Hon. Nyombi Thembo was that the guide provided a comprehensive reference of verified prices from authorised service providers, enabling consumers to compare Pay TV bouquet options and courier charges, including the cost of sending a 1 kg parcel within Uganda and abroad. It also empowered consumers to make informed choices that suited their budgets and viewing or delivery preferences, while encouraging better service quality and value across the sector.

Q2 2026 Postal and Courier Overview

Postal Traffic (Mails)

2,293

Express Mail Service
(EMS) Outbound



1,068

East Africa
Inbound



423

East Africa
Outbound



50,612

Total Mails
Delivered
Country-wide



1,940

Express Mail Service
(EMS) Inbound



39,937

Rest of the World
Inbound



28,498

Rest of the World
Outbound

Courier Traffic (Parcels and Packages)

Posta Uganda
(National
Postal
Operator)



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Broadcast and Multimedia



Q2 2026 Broadcasting Overview

Country Mapping for The Pay-TV market in Uganda



DStv
Satellite

Country
Wide

zuku
Satellite

Country
Wide

azamTV
Satellite

Country
Wide

StarTimes
Satellite

Country
Wide

StarTimes
Terrestrial

Kampala, Wakiso,
Mpigi, Masaka,
Mbarara, Fortportal,
Jinja, Mukono,
Kalangala, Luweero,
Gulu and Mbale

GOtv
Terrestrial

Kampala, Jinja,
Iganga, Mbale, Lira,
Gulu, Arua, Kasese,
Mbarara,
Masaka and Wakiso



Cable

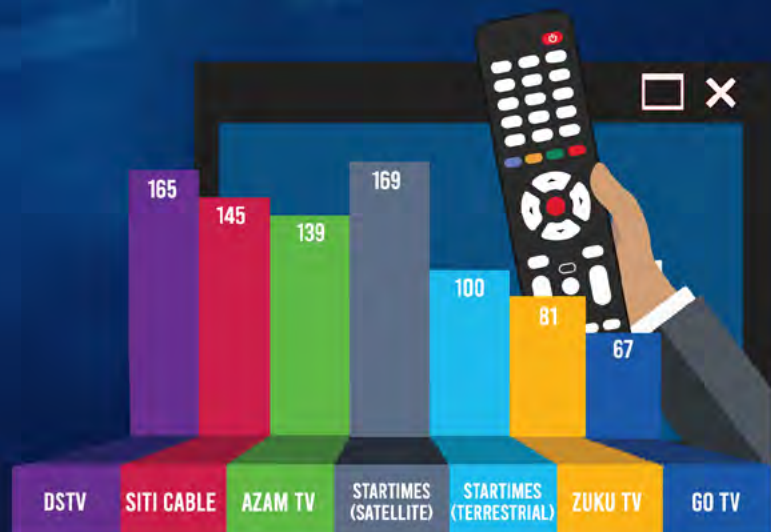
Kampala & Jinja

PAY TV (JUNE 2026)

▶ **1.0**
Million
Active
Subscribers



Channels Offered



Q2 2026 Broadcasting Headlines

7th April 2026

UCC Suspends Song Over Violence and Dangerous Imitations



UCC suspended the song “Mukube Paver” by Dynaso Wegoso after receiving numerous complaints about its content. The Commission found that the song explicitly and implicitly promoted, incited and glorified violence and aggressive conduct, and that it had also encouraged dangerous imitation behaviour, including harmful challenge activities on TikTok and other social media platforms, particularly among young people. UCC directed all broadcasters, online platforms and members of the public to stop airing, sharing or promoting the song and any related content. Wegoso was invited to UCC to discuss the findings and to explore an amicable way forward.

22nd April 2026

UCC addresses public concerns over pornographic content



UCC held a media briefing to address growing public concerns regarding the spread of pornographic content, particularly its exposure to children. Speaking at the Uganda Media Centre, UCC Head of Public and International Relations, Ibrahim Bbossa, emphasized UCC's commitment to safeguarding minors and ensuring that telecommunications and broadcasting platforms comply with standards to prevent the distribution of illicit material.

Film and Cinema



Key Headlines (Apr - Jun 2026)

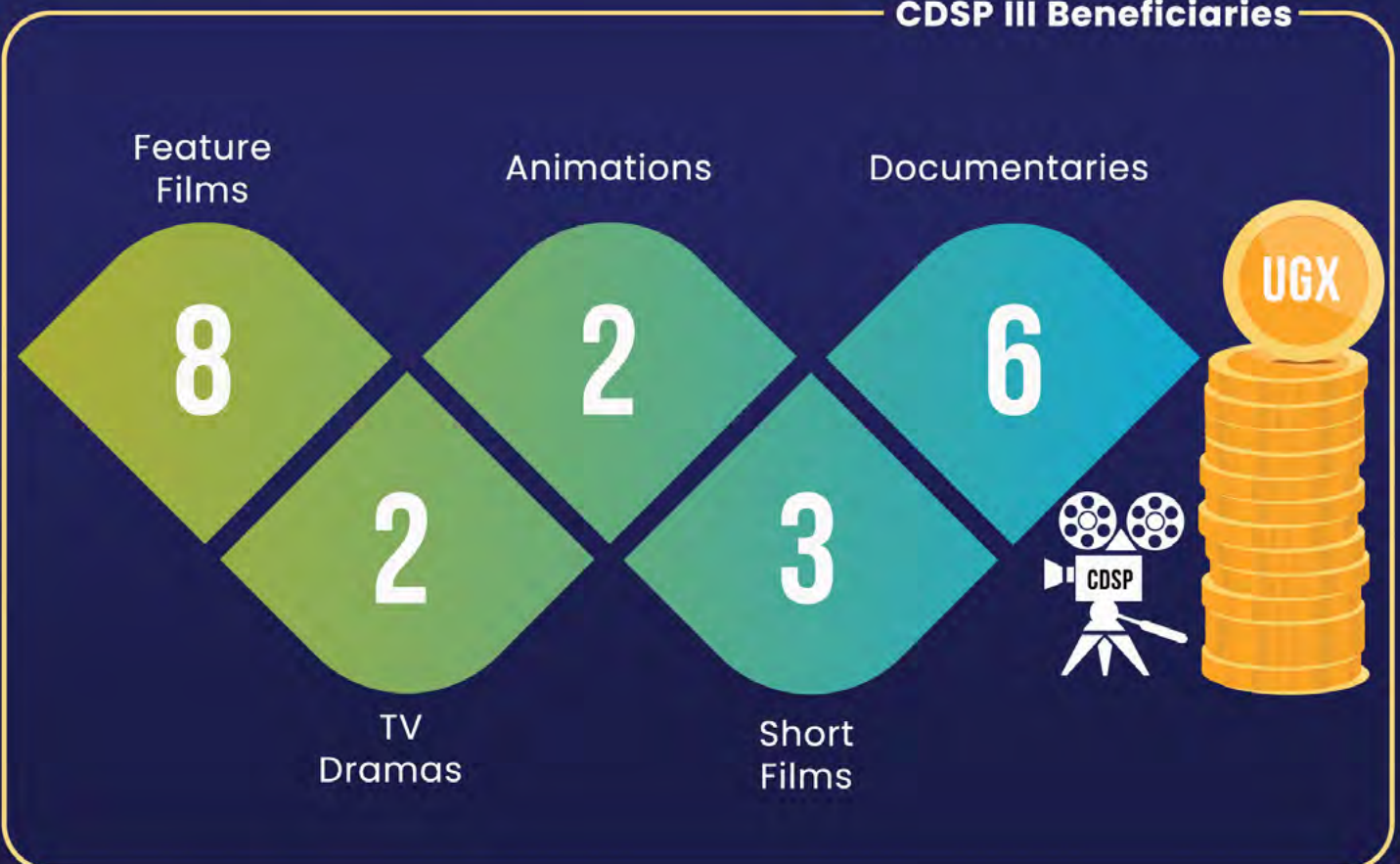
18th June 2026

UCC engages 21 finalists for Content Development Support Programme funding



UCC convened a meeting with the 21 selected applicants under the Content Development Support Programme funding initiative. The engagement served to update the finalists on the proposed funding model and gather their feedback. Key discussions centered on aligning expectations regarding payment terms, implementation guidelines, reporting requirements, and the overall structure of the planned funding to ensure the successful execution of the supported creative projects.

CDSP III Beneficiaries



Key Headlines Ctd..(Apr - Jun 2026)

2nd May 2026

Ugandan filmmakers celebrate double win at Kenya's Kalasha Film Awards 2026



The Ugandan film industry registered two major honors at the Kalasha International Film Festival & Awards 2026 in Kenya. The film *JIMBI*, directed by Talemwa Pius, took home the award for Best International Film, while *Dinner for Three* by Brian Kabogoza clinched Best Student Film. Uganda's presence at the prestigious event, which was attended by President William Ruto, extended beyond the accolades. A strong delegation of Ugandan creatives participated in industry masterclasses and youth skilling initiatives.

4th May 2026

UCC sponsors Northern Uganda Film Awards 2026 in Gulu



UCC sponsored the Northern Uganda Film Awards (NUFA) gala night held on May 2nd, 2026, in Gulu, celebrating the region's growing creative talent. The event was attended by prominent figures, including Chief Guest Ambassador Rosa Malango (Special Envoy on Tourism and Trade), Ambassador Olara Otunnu, and other national and local leaders. Representing UCC, Gulu Regional Manager Eng. George Kyalikunda emphasized the film industry's critical role in Uganda's socio-economic development and reaffirmed UCC's commitment to nurturing and supporting young creatives across the regions.

Key Headlines Ctd..(Apr - Jun 2026)

25th May 2026

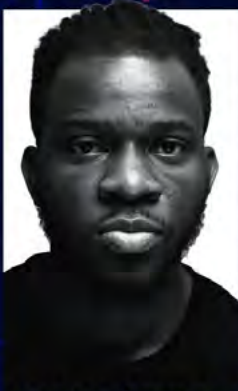
Uganda Film Festival hosts screenplay writing workshop to elevate local storytelling



As part of UFF 2026 initiatives, a workshop on "Mastering the Art of Screenwriting" was held to empower local filmmakers and writers. Facilitated by writer and producer Dialo Ssekidde, the session focused on script development, emphasizing the value of collaborative feedback sessions to strengthen storylines. Ssekidde urged writers to avoid isolation during the creative process and highlighted the need to address weak screenplays by prioritizing visual storytelling, "showing" rather than "telling", to elevate the overall quality of Ugandan cinema.

28th May 2026

UCC hosts Uganda Film Festival 2026 animation training session



ALIGUMA MUGISA
CONCEPT ARTIST/ILLUSTRATOR



MARIA BYOMA
ANIMATOR | ILLUSTRATOR



LOUBEGA
ANIMATOR | ILLUSTRATOR



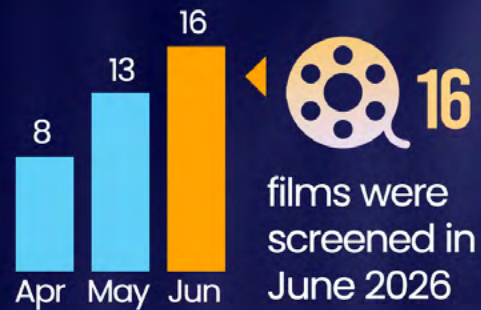
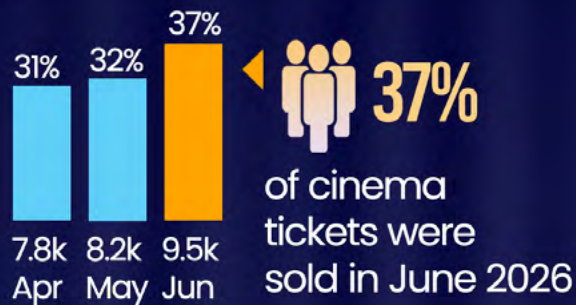
RAYMOND MALINGA
CEO CREATURES ANIMATION



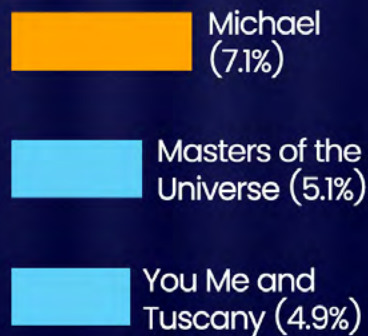
RICHARD MUSINGUZI
ANIMATOR | ILLUSTRATOR

As part of UFF 2026 initiatives, UCC hosted a training session titled "Animation Production: Emerging Opportunities for Ugandan Storytellers" at the UICT Innovation Hub in Nakawa. The workshop guided local animators and digital creatives on how Ugandan culture, creativity, and animation can be leveraged to craft compelling stories that resonate with global audiences and unlock new opportunities in the creative sector.

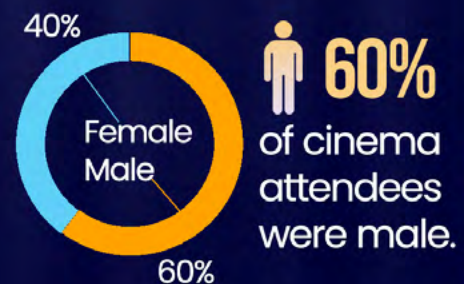
CINEMA ATTENDANCE APR - JUN 2026



Most Popular Movie



Gender Breakdown





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